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OCTOBER 10, 1974

TO: PETER RODMAN/JERRY BREMER
FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

THE SITUATION ON THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION AND MANSFIELD
RESOLUTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

THERE IS NO CHANCE OF GETTING UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE THE
MANSFIELD RESOLUTION DIRECTLY TO THE FLOOR AND THERE IS
APPARENTLY CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO GET
A RULE TO DO SO. IF THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN AND THE MANSFIELD
RESOLUTION GOES TO COMMITTEE, THERE IS NO WAY TO GET ACTION
BEFORE ADJOURNMENT.

ONE OPTION OPEN WOULD BE TO VETO THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION
RIGHT AWAY, HOPING TO HAVE IT SUSTAINED IN THE SENATE AND
MODIFIED SO AS TO INCLUDE THE MANSFIELD RESOLUTION. HOWEVER,
TRYING TO GET THE VETO SUSTAINED IS A PARTICULARLY RISKY
OPERATION NOW BECAUSE OF THE RUSH TO ADJOURN AND THE SENATE
FEARS THAT ADJOURNMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE POSTPONED SO AS TO
WORK OUT A NEW CONTINUING RESOLUTION.

THE PRESIDENT THINKS IT WOULD BE USEFUL AT THE MOMENT TO PUT
SOME PRESSURE ON THE HOUSE BY SPREADING THE WORD THAT HE MAY
DELAY A VETO OF THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION FOR A WEEK OR MORE
AND THEN CALL CONGRESS BACK IN ORDER TO ACT ON HIS VETO. THERE
ARE OBVIOUS HAZARDS IF THIS WERE IT TO BE IMPLEMENTED, BUT AS
A QUIET THREAT TO ENCOURAGE FAVORABLE ACTION NOW ON THE MANSFIELD
RESOLUTION, IT MIGHT BE VERY EFFECTIVE.

WILL KEEP YOU POSTED.

WARM REGARDS.

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